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Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: Washington State 1962 BA; Chicago 1965 JD
Began Service: 1987

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Patricia C. Williams
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Gonzaga JD
Began Service: July 14, 1997
Term Expires: July 13, 2011

Legal Practice: Winston Cashatt (1976-1997)

Current Memberships: National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges;
Washington Women Lawyers

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John M. Klobucher
Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1932
Education: Gonzaga 1960 JD
Began Service: December 7, 1981

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Charles Powell, United States
District Court for the Eastern District of Washington (1960-1961)

Government: United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior
(1958-1960); Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, State of Washington
(1961-1963)

Legal Practice: Murphy, Bantz, Jansen, Klobucher, Clemons & Bury
(1963-1981)

Military Service: United States Army (1953-1954)

Current Memberships: Spokane County Bar Association; Washington
State Bar Association

Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge (recalled) John M. Klobucher continued Staff

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Robert S. Lasnik
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1951
Education: Brandeis 1972 AB; Northwestern 1973 MS, 1974 MA;
U Washington 1978 JD
Began Service: December 2, 1998
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Lecturer, University of Washington School of Law (1980)

Government: Deputy Prosecutor, Criminal Division, King County
Prosecutor's Office (1978-1981); Senior Deputy Prosecutor, King County
Prosecutor's Office (1981-1983); Chief of Staff, King County Prosecutor's
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Judicial: Judge, Washington Superior Court, King County (1990-1998)

Current Memberships: Washington State Bar Association

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John C. Coughenour
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: Kansas State 1963 BS; Iowa 1966 JD
Began Service: 1981
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Academic: Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, University of Washington
(1970-1973)

Legal Practice: Bogle & Gates (1966-1970); Bogle & Gates (1971-1981)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Iowa State Bar
Association; Washington State Bar

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Barbara Jacobs Rothstein
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1939
Education: Cornell 1960 BA; Harvard 1966 LLB
Began Service: February 20, 1980
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Affiliation: Director, Federal Judicial Center

Academic: Faculty, Washington (1975-1977)

Government: Assistant Attorney General, State of Washington (1969-1977)

Judicial: Judge, King County Superior Court (1977-1980); Chief Judge,
United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
(1987-1994)

Legal Practice: Widett & Kruger (1966-1968)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Bar
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Association; Massachusetts State Bar Association; National Association of
Women Judges; Seattle-King County Bar Association; Washington State
Bar Association

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Marsha Jean Pechman
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951
Education: Cornell 1973 BA; Boston U 1976 JD
Began Service: October 4, 1999
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Instructor/Staff Attorney, University of Washington School of
Law (1979-1981); Law Clerk/Limited Practice Intern, Greater Boston
Legal Services (1975-1976); Adjunct Faculty, University of Washington
School of Law (1983-1987); Visiting Clinical Professor, University of
Puget Sound (now Seattle University) School of Law (1986-1987)

Government: Deputy Prosecutor, Criminal Division, King County
Prosecutor's Office (1976-1979)

Judicial: Superior Court Judge, King County Superior Court (1988-1999)

Legal Practice: Associate, Levinson, Friedman, Vhugen, Duggan, Bland &
Horowitz (1981-1986); Partner, Levinson, Friedman, Vhugen, Duggan,
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Current Memberships: Federal Judges Association; Seattle-King County
Bar Association; Washington State Bar Association

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Ronald B. Leighton
District Judge

Date of Birth: May 30, 1951
Education: Whitworth 1973 BA; Hastings 1976 JD
Began Service: November 26, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Legal Practice: Partner, Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell, Malanca, Peterson &
Daheim L.L.P. (1976-2002)

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